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New school named after Althea Gibson

EAST ORANGE — Construction began last week on a new elementary school. The building of the school is an attempt to tackle the overcrowding of students in kindergarten classes. Within the last year, new enrollments have increased by hundreds of children. The increase has raised classes from 21 to 27 kindergartners. At last count, the district had already enrolled 780 kindergartners and was still registering students.

The \$4.2 million building, which is expected to be finished by the end of the year, will be named the Althea Gibson Early Childhood Education Academy. Gibson, who is a Wimbledon tennis champion, currently lives in East Orange. The school is funded through state aid ordered by the New Jersey Supreme Court. It will contain 10 classrooms, an outdoor play space, and child study team offices.

Consultant to pay 'First Night' vendors

NEWARK — In an attempt to save the city from lawsuits over money owed vendors who participated in a New Year's eve festival held last year, Last week, the Newark Council said it would vote to refund money originally paid to a consultant who ran the festival.

First Night Newark still owes vendors upwards of \$40,000. Money originally directed to Carol DeSene, the consultant who ran the event, will now be allocated to a recently formed non-profit organization. Published reports say that the negative publicity surrounding the event has also forced DeSene, and City Councilwoman at-Large Gayle Chaneyfield, who sponsored the contracts authorizing payments to DeSene, to pay the disgruntled vendors.

Public utility board wants two-day power restoration period

ELIZABETH — According to Herbert D'Amico, president of New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities, there should be a two-day restoration period for restoring power outages due to storms. That's because some of the heat at a Labor Day storm which left thousands of people in Union County without power for much longer than the state's suggested time period.

Last week, during BPU's monthly board meeting, the board said it would look into the plans of the state's electric utilities to deal with such outages. The focus will be on PSE&G and GPU Energy, two of the state's largest utility companies. GPU is expected to report back to the board by the end of October.

Rutgers dorm hit by armed robbers

PISCATAWAY (AP) — Signs hang in a Rutgers University dormitory warning students to be on the lookout after a weekend robbery and assault.

Rutgers police were seeking two suspects in a recent armed robbery of two students on the Livingston College campus.

"The two roommates were in their room with the door ajar recently just after 2 a.m.," Lt. Laura Kall said. "A man entered the room and showed what students said could have been a gun. The suspect demanded money and one of the roommates complied." Kall said, "not disclosing the amount given."

"When the suspect made the same demand of the second roommate, he refused," and the suspect hit him "in the head with an object," Kall said, adding that the object was probably a gun. After the suspect hit the student, he and a man in the doorway ran away.

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New Jersey's poorest schools tackle 'whole school reform'

By Nancy Parelo
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON (AP) — When Tom Highton became superintendent of schools in Union City, he took care of housekeeping — literally.

Teachers told him they wanted clean schools. So Highton hired some janitors. It was his first simple step toward getting teachers to back his efforts to fix their failing schools.

That was nine years ago, when Union City was on the verge of state takeover. Today, the district posts higher test scores than the average in

other poor school districts.

"If you're going to have school reform, you need teacher buy-in," he said. "You've got to change their attitude. You have to find out what bugs them. It's not like it's foreign. It's a logical plan of getting teachers and parents involved in the school and getting them to insist you have quality," he added. "Once you do that, reform flows."

Highton, along with some other urban superintendents, is ahead of the curve in the educational movement known as "whole school reform." It's a movement that is coming to the fore in

New Jersey, thanks to a May state

Supreme Court ruling that says 18 of New Jersey's poorest districts must rebuild their 319 elementary schools from the bottom up.

Whole school reform essentially gives teachers, parents and principals more power in running their schools. "Elementary schools in the 28 'special needs' districts must have a reform program in place by September 2000."

This school year, at least 50 schools will become the first official whole school reform sites in the state. But for most of these schools, the ter-

min will be familiar. They've had

these programs for several years.

The State Department of Education has received about 70 applications from schools to be among the first group, according to an administration source. The plan is to have at least 50 schools each year become reform sites.

But a preliminary list from the Education Law Center, which represents poor children in the decades-old school funding battle, shows only 17 of those schools are adopting new programs. The rest are merely moving ahead with reforms that started several years ago.

State education officials refuse to

say how many schools will be among the first group or how many had existing whole school reform programs. The department is reviewing applications before releasing a final list, said Peter Perreman, department spokesman.

The reform movement calls for smaller class sizes, more intensive reading programs, social service programs connected to schools, tutors or other measures to help poor students overcome the disadvantages they bring to the classroom. It also calls for teachers and parents to be more involved in the schools.

A celebration of black culture



This troop of African dancers were featured entertainers at the 11th Annual Festival of the Arts & Heritage of African Americans in Holmdel.

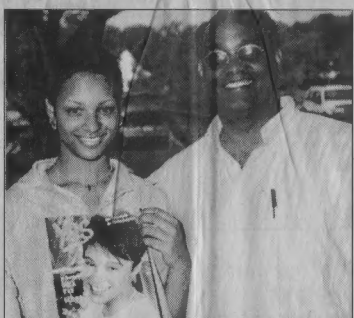
By g.r. mattox
Assistant Editor

The 11th Annual Festival of the Arts & Heritage of African Americans exceeded all prediction of success. Over 15,000 people from four states attended the event held at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel earlier this month. Individuals were treated to a day of culture, art, and good eating.

A focus on youth and history was a featured part of the days events. Festival proceeds helped to fund scholarships for ten high school students from around the state, and there was a special day-long program for children.

The 72-foot long historical display on African-American invention and inventors, is one of six produced by Vi Sanders of Pleasantway. Her displays are sought after feature at many educational institutions and Black Expos around the country. "It's something that we value," said Co-chairperson Charles Mattox.

Another of the highlights of the days activities was the gospel



Two of the 15,000 attendees at the Heritage Festival were YES magazine model Jennifer Burwell and Dr. Henry Johnson, owner and publisher, City News Publishing Company.

program made up of 12 groups and choirs from various areas in New Jersey. They included Daughters of Zion, Community

Baptist Church, Englewood; New Hope Baptist Youth Choir; Atlantic City, and the Anointed Sons of New Jersey.

A total of 125 vendors were on hand offering a range of items as wide as the Diaspora. "We advertised that there would be 'something for everybody,' and that was indeed true," said General Promotion Chairman Avery Grant, of Long Branch. "I was especially impressed with the number and range of information that the non-profit organizations shared with the participants."

Mattox was also enthusiastic about what the day had to offer. "Personally, I like the fact that we offer a lot of cultural information, which was as important as what was for sale," he said. "It was a time for families and people to relax among themselves."

"I thought the festival was excellent," said Billy Jones, former model and a health and beauty consultant. "The variety of cultures within the black Diaspora was what stood out for me. Jones also was impressed with the spirit of cooperation. The vendors worked together to help each other in their set-ups and displays. This is not something you usually see."

Plainfield recovers from storm

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Mayor Al McWilliams rescinded the storm-related state of emergency declared for the city on Labor Day as of 5 p.m. Friday, September 11. "Though there are still limbs and debris to be removed from the city's curbsides, all streets are now passable and power is essentially restored throughout the city except for Hollywood Avenue, Randolph and Salem Roads and individual properties needed to be reconnected to power sources, and I am lifting the state of emergency," McWilliams said.

City crews worked throughout the weekend to continue to remove the mountains of downed limbs and debris lining many of the city's streets. Many residents put out branches that were blown down during Monday's storm, which the National Weather Service finally agreed had been a tornado.

Though the state of emergency is technically lifted, there are many problems still facing residents, and

the following resources are available:

Hot meals, snacks and food are being distributed by the Plainfield Chapter of the American Red Cross, contact them at (908) 754-6411.

Questions about the replacement of food stamps are being handled by the Union County Welfare Office, which can be reached at (908) 791-7000.

Those individuals who are still without power should call PSE&G's emergency number for the Plainfield area at (908) 756-7000. Citizens who wish to let Plainfield city officials know they still have no power may call the Mayor's Hotline at (908) 753-3521, and leave their address, name and phone number. The Mayor's Office will keep a log for city records, although they cannot report outages to PSE&G. For further incidents of freshly downed branches or wires, or branches that are in danger of falling, residents are asked to use the Plainfield Police Division's non-emergency number, (908) 753-3360.

Firefighters, officers face firing for racist float

NEW YORK (AP) — Two firefighters and a policeman will be fired for participating in a Labor Day Parade float that mocked the dragging death of a black man in Texas, city officials said.

"The Supreme Court of the United States would have to order us to put them back," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said recently of firefighters Robert Steiner and Jonathan Walters.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir suspended Officer Joseph Lomuto and said he would be terminated after an internal review.

Giuliani said the off-duty firefighters demonstrated a lack of understanding to their oath of office. But he conceded that the "Black to the Future" float, featuring nine white men wearing black face and Afro-style and dreadlock wigs, may not have broken any criminal laws.

Prosecutors were investigating to see if civil rights laws were vio-

lated. Departmental regulations require a firefighter to be suspended without pay for 30 days and then returned to modified duty before a trial is held. A firefighter can't be discharged before trial.

The float re-enacted the June dragging death of 49-year-old James Byrd in Jasper, Texas. The participants threw watermelons and chicken and candy from boom boxes as well. Some of the men have apologized, saying the float was not intended to be offensive.

Steiner insisted that he had to hear from all witnesses to the shooting, before deciding how to handle the case.

Assistant Lawrence County District Attorney Thomas Minetti said his case might fall apart if a trial is demanded.

"We could have all kinds of trouble getting our witnesses to cooperate," Minetti said in open court.

Passive criminals will face prosecution

By g.r. mattox
Assistant Editor

Those who are present during the commission of a crime without trying to help the victim or reporting the incident to the police may no longer have the luxury of walking away scot-free in New Jersey.

Legislation was introduced on September 17 to make those who sit idle while in the company of someone who commits a crime equally culpable or at least an accomplice in the crime. Senator Joseph Vitale, D-Middlesex, and Senate Majority Leader John O. Bennett, R-Manassah, sponsored the bill.

"The incidents we're targeting involve 'passive participants' in crime — those who know the attackers but don't participate in the attack itself," said Senator Vitale.

Their bill would make it a fourth-degree crime not to report a crime when one witnesses bodily harm to the victim.

This "passive participants" law would bridge the gap in situations like the Sherrie Iverson murder, a seven-year-old who was sexually assaulted and strangled in a bathroom stall at a Las Vegas area casino in 1997. While the murderer, Jeremy Strohmeier, pleaded guilty to the crime just before the case went to trial last month, David Cash, Jr., a friend of Strohmeier's who witnessed part of the assault, was not charged. Cash peered over the wall of an adjoining stall and saw Strohmeier with his hand over Sherrie's mouth, muffling her screams. He told Strohmeier to let her go, walked outside the restroom and waited outside.

Vitale is sponsoring this bill at the request of a Avelon woman who was the victim of carjacking in August. After she pulled into her driveway and stepped out of her car, she noticed she had been kidnapped by a man containing five men. Two of the men got out of the car and came towards her. One held a gun to her head and the other beat her with a baseball bat. One of the remaining three jumped into the driver's seat, which she had in the car.

The 31-year-old victim of this crime wrote in a letter to Vitale, "But, now, that still leaves the last two men which I am assuming just sat there and watched. Due to the fact that there is no Good Samaritan Law in the State of New Jersey, if these two men will be set free."

Vitale said those who witness a crime but have nothing to do with it do have a moral responsibility to call 911. But he wouldn't want a law mandating them to come to the aid of a victim. "After reading this woman's letter, I knew we had to take action against accomplices to crimes of violence — even if they don't lay a finger on the victim," Vitale said. "By doing nothing, these cowardly accomplices enable thugs to perpetrate a heinous crime without mercy. This law would send them to jail, too."

Currently, there are "Good Samaritan" laws in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine. Assemblyman William D. Payne, D-Essex, is also introducing a bill that would require individuals to report crimes committed involving bodily harm, provided the person can report the crime without danger to himself or other persons.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

WEST ORANGE—The United Way of Essex and West Hudson will host a campaign kick-off tailgate party at Mayfair Farms beginning at 12 noon. Contact the United Way of Essex and West Hudson for information.

EAST RUTHERFORD—The New Jersey Organization for a Better State (NEW JOBS) is hosting a Night at the Meadowlands to honor outstanding candidates for the State Legislature (609) 393-7707.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

CRANFORD—Union County College will offer a non-credit course on workplace operations (908) 709-7593.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NASSAU—The American Council on Arts and Craftsmanship takes pleasure in announcing the 2nd Annual Art of Craft Festival, an exposition designed as Long Island's most elegant American crafts event to be held at The Nassau County Museum of Art. A special preview will be held from 5-8 p.m. to benefit the Museum. 516-484-9337.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

NEWARK—Local author Carlton Lewis will be signing copies of his critically acclaimed fiction novel *Pigmentation* at Kedar Book Store beginning at 1 p.m. (973) 242-4296.

MARGATE—The city will host a blues and jazz Fall Funtail By the Bay beginning at 10 a.m. through Sunday (909) 748-4850.

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will offer four swimming classes for children. (201) 200-3098.

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will host a series of public events through Sunday beginning at 1:00 p.m. (973) 996-6638.

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will offer classes in reading computers and mathematics beginning at 9 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

LEONIA—Holy Name Hospital will organize its second annual Bergen County 5k walk/run at Overpeck Park beginning at 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

PLAINFIELD—The Administration and Finance, Health and Social Service will

host a citizens meeting on safety at the Senior Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. (908) 753-3508.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

NEW YORK—The Museum of Modern Art will host a tribute to the film work of Gordon Parks through Oct. 4th (212) 708-8847.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will present the art method of Paper Weavings beginning at 11 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will offer a National Teachers Examination review course beginning at 9 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Montclair State University Gifted and Talented Program will host a seminar on computers for those in elementary school beginning at 6:30 p.m. (973) 655-4333.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

CALDWELL—Caldwell College will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its annual Golden Eagle Golf & Tennis Tournament at the Essex Falls Country Club (973) 228-4424.

ATLANTIC CITY—The New Jersey Business Community will host the New Jersey Conference on Volunteerism at the Harrah's Marina Hotel beginning at 6 p.m. (609) 984-3470.

SKILLMAN—The American Repertory Ballet/Princeton Ballet School presents a Fall Swing Golf and Tennis Outing at the Belden's Brook Club beginning at 10:30 a.m. 732-248-1254.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

PLAINFIELD—The Fire Department will hold its annual Fire Prevention Fair at the Hub Stone Athletic Field beginning at 10:00 a.m. (908) 753-3446.

WAYNE—William Paterson University will host a Art at Lunch series beginning at 11:30 a.m. (973) 720-2654.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

PLAINFIELD—The Senior Citizens Center will host a trip up to West Point, N.Y. For information, call (908) 753-3556.

CJWISOMMM's speakers raises minds along with building funds



NEWARK—The Central Jersey branch of Women in the Million Man March successfully held its first building fundraiser at "The Mansion" at State WISOMMM in Newark. Approximately 1,500 was raised by Bro. Jamil Muhammad, top row center, from NOI (Nation of Islam) headquarters, Muhammad Mosque Maryam. The event was attended by approximately 70 people. (Top row photo, far left): Gil Noble, from "Like It Is" accepts appreciation award from CJWISOMMM's chair, Ruby Shivers and co-chair, Sis. Alice Akbar Muhammad, co-chair (in the middle). Mrs. Darlene McWilliams enjoying the African classical music with her husband, Plainfield's Mayor, Al McWilliams. (Second row photo at far left): Executive Director of State WISOMMM, Sis. Frederica Bay receives appreciation award from CJWISOMMM's Sis. Alice A. Muhammad. (Second row middle photo): Betty Dobson from the organization, Cemotap speaks about supporting the efforts of our youth. (Second row photo at far right): Dr. Adiaide Sanford, from Board of Region speaking in support of CJWISOMMM. In the bottom photos, songstress, Rose Cabbagetsat singing in tune to the African Classical music played by Bradford Hayes, Saxophonist (Bottom photo, far right) and his quartet.

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ELICORBAT Symphony Hall deserves to be saved

It seems the once-great mecca of Newark entertainment, Symphony Hall, is an orphan and a victim of abuse and neglect. Poor management is the cause of the city-owned theater losing \$5.2 million dollars in the past six years and receiving \$2.5 million from the city to keep it going. The auditorium is badly in need of repair, and although the marquee seems to always be filled with upcoming presentations, seldom do you see these events advertised anywhere else—it's like it seems not to exist.

Symphony Hall needs a champion and something sort of a miracle to make things right. While Newark Mayor Sharpe James is supportive of the city taking temporary control of the structure, assisting business administrator JoAnne Watson, with a cautious and understandable concern for the bottom line, stated that this is not economically feasible.

Symphony Hall is a gem badly in need of polishing. It's really not the city's responsibility to do the cleanup. It's obvious that the best course is to replace the non-profit corporation that currently runs this landmark structure with another group from the private sector with more experience or a coalition of large and small for-profit corporations with a commitment to a speedy renewal. This facility was around long before NUPac was a thought, and it has a rich history that should not be relegated to memory.

An open letter to the Mayor of New York

Mr. Mayor, whose role model are you?

By Hazel Smith

It saddens me to know that the Mayor of the City of New York has such little regard for my people. No matter how hard some wanted to believe it—you have shown that you are not the mayor of all of the people. Mr. Mayor, whose role model are you?

With all of the accusatory and hateful rhetoric passing back and forth between you and Dr. Khalid Muhammad in the past few weeks, it was your actions at the close of the day on September 5 that became proof of the pudding.

African American people have never feared coming together. We know that we love our children, our families and ourselves, and we don't have to gather in large groups to show it—but I do understand the desire of the March organizers to bring a sense of unity to our children.

I have been to the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, the Memorial Day Parade, Carnivals in Brooklyn over the years, even the African American Parade up Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard in Harlem, and never experienced metal barricades placed at such angles as if to move the people to take a maze—with no way to escape.

Is this what you intended, Mr. Mayor—that it would become so difficult to get there that we would give up and therefore not be counted? One million was irrelevant.

With police on rooftops with binoculars, police helicopters circling above, those police on foot patrol in the mix of the crowd were intimidating and found it easy to move about, as the people stepped aside to let them pass.

The people understood they had a job to do. They didn't resent the police presence—but, did you fear for us so much that you had to disperse so many?

When were they there to protect, when peace, love and unity was our agenda for the day?

Rev. Al Sharpton gave a monumental, historical speech of a life-

time. Reminding everyone that he was not anti-anything. That Harlem is not a village of hate, but a village of love. "Weren't you listening, Mr. Mayor?"

Minister Conrad Muhammad spoke in the name of the African Movement of Change to guide and provide help for young people and make a better life for themselves and community. "Weren't you listening, Mr. Mayor?"

No, I don't think you were listening to those who came with positive words. I believe you were watching the clock, working on the countdown and studying how swiftly the NYPD would arrive and bring the Million Youth March to an instant shutdown at 4:00.

I saw what happened, and in many ways, I'm sorry I know that Dr. Khalid Muhammad says about many things that many African Americans think and feel deeply. For many it is not what he says, but rather the manner in which he says it.

I saw NYPD policemen coming out of 117th Street, like Gestapo storm troopers with riot gear on their heads, holding sticks and plastic handcuffs—ready to take us down. For what? What riot were they coming to stop? Everyone was standing, listening, enjoying the beauty in our people.

What did our children do that they should be marched on and pushed back in such blatant disrespect?

But, your law decided that our children didn't have the right to hear one of their own express his pain, right or wrong. They will ask, what happened to this nation's freedom of speech?

The NYPD proved how tenuous freedom is in America. The beautiful, And when your own children ask you what happened on September 5th, ask yourself—Whose role model are you, Mr. Mayor?

Hazel Smith is a correspondent for the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Two cities, two mayors, a million differences

By Aska Muhammad

Now that the dust has settled, it's possible to take a dispassionate look at The Million Youth March and Million Youth Movement. There were two temperaments, in two mayors, in two cities over the Labor Day weekend—and a million differences between them.

New York, the world's most cosmopolitan place, resembled a Vietnam War-era city in the 1960s more than the headquarters city of the United Nations from which all the world's people are sold that peaceful, diplomatic resolutions can be found to the most troubling human disputes, as that city's officials sought to suppress the so-called Million Youth March.

Atlanta, on the other hand, where governors with "as-handle" mentalities have presided after defying the law while the police in riot gear, doors, a peaceful Million Youth Movement rally held forth, with speakers expressing a full range of ideas.

Atlanta's mayor, Rev. Andrew Young, Pan-Africanist, to bring born again in the Blood of Jesus Christ.

While both events had fewer than the hoped-for one million participants—it's probably safe to say there were fewer than 50,000 people at either event—Atlanta's mayor, Rev. Young, Campbell, could probably teach New York's two Mayor Rudolph Giuliani a thing or two about respect for the Constitution of the United States, respect for human rights, and crowd control.

There were no untoward incidents at the Atlanta event. The New York rally, on the other hand ended in bedlam when police, under orders from the Mayor, stormed the stage just minutes after the projected time for the event to end.

In New York there was no obstacle to the right of the people to peacefully assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances (in the words of the First Amendment) which Mayor Giuliani

As we continue to pursue the goals of liberation and independence, in the African Liberation movement it is imperative that from time to time, we take a meditative moment to look deep inside ourselves as a people.

Day in and day out we can observe the increased number of African people killing each other, mentally and physically abusing each other, stealing from each other, being dishonest with each other, and the list goes on and on. These are the negative incidents occur, in part, because segments of the African community in the United States are disconnected from the moral and ethical traditions that have characterized relationships among African people in the past.

The problem with segments of African people in this country is disconnected from the great contributions of African people to the civilizations of the world has resulted in too many of us believing that the current situation we find ourselves in cannot be changed.

Many African people believe that the condition of African people in America is permanent and there is nothing we can do to change our circumstances. Therefore, this disconnecting group of African people have chosen the easy road. They travel on the road of cooperating and collaborating with the forces of white supremacy who continue to demonstrate they will do any and everything in their power to keep African

did not throw up in front of Million Youth March organizers.

For months he blocked city officials from granting a permit for the march, period. Mr. Giuliani objected to the date and to its location in Harlem. Finally just days before the event, a three-judge panel for the U.S. District Court in New York City ruled that the marchers had a right to assemble which Government officials could not deny.

The police showed up that day ready for war. Helicopters, horses, tractor-trailer trucks, buses, cars, vans and motorcycles, were deployed. Police barricades seemed to be everywhere. Some observers even joked that it had become a "Million cop March."

But what happened was no laughing matter. Provoked by strong—but Constitutionally protected language—the police in riot gear, doors, Helicopters swooped down and buzzed Harlem rooftops near the rally site, and even the main stage.

As participants were dispersing after hearing the principal speaker, Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad, police in riot gear stormed the stage, provoking unnecessary and violent and bottle-throwing melee. Simple instructions (a warning, if you will) to disperse, build momentum, and demonstrated a small measure of respect for the participants, might have prevented the ugly "push-come-together."

We live during a time when we see police escorting and protecting the most objectionable of white marchers. Skinning, Ku Klux Klan members, among others—while in New York, they treated an entire community to violence, storming the stage just minutes after the projected time for the event was a criminal, an enemy of the state.

Aska Muhammad is a journalist and radio commentator based in Washington, D.C.

Taking a moment for meditative thought

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrell

As we continue to pursue the goals of liberation and independence, in the African Liberation movement it is imperative that from time to time, we take a meditative moment to look deep inside ourselves as a people.

Day in and day out we can observe the increased number of African people killing each other, mentally and physically abusing each other, stealing from each other, being dishonest with each other, and the list goes on and on. These are the negative incidents occur, in part, because segments of the African community in the United States are disconnected from the moral and ethical traditions that have characterized relationships among African people in the past.

The problem with segments of African people in this country is disconnected from the great contributions of African people to the civilizations of the world has resulted in too many of us believing that the current situation we find ourselves in cannot be changed.

Many African people believe that the condition of African people in America is permanent and there is nothing we can do to change our circumstances. Therefore, this disconnecting group of African people have chosen the easy road. They travel on the road of cooperating and collaborating with the forces of white supremacy who continue to demonstrate they will do any and everything in their power to keep African

people in this country and the rest of the world on the bottom.

This has resulted in many African people, in America (and the world) continuing to develop a "baham mentality." In other words, many of our people buy into whatever the white supremacy forces feed us through the media, the educational institutions and religious institutions.

We were not always like this as a people. We did not have a dog out dog mentality and this is what we must examine as we continue to struggle with the media, the educational institutions and its impact on us as a people.

The wisdom of our ancestors should give us the inspiration to rededicate ourselves to the continued struggle for the liberation of African people worldwide.

Large all African people to take a meditative moment and look deeply inside ourselves as a people. Let us draw from the ancient Bible, the words of Kemet called Maat. Divine Order, Harmony, Balance, Truth, Justice, Righteousness, and Reciprocity.

Dr. Conrad Worrell is the National Chairman of the National United Front.

Running for office to build a political party

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

As many of you know, I am a first candidate for public office. As you also know, I only run for offices that I cannot win. And I run for those offices because I believe that the African Movement. The first time was in 1988 when I became the first African American and first woman in the history of this country to get on the ballot in a presidential election in all 50 states. I have run for Governor of New York three times. I'm running for Lt. Governor of New York at the moment, my second run for that office.

Why do I run in this way? Why do I run to win? Because I believe that the magnificent efforts of Dr. King and the civil rights movement to lead us to freedom are incomplete. And one of the things I feel they are incomplete is that while we secured our right to vote, and our right to participation in elections, our freedom is profoundly limited by having the Democratic Party as our only political outlet. African people are only free when they have a choice. And so I devote my energies to creating and building those choices for Black America and for all Americans.

Building a new party is not helped by running to win. In fact, running to win and winning, means you're reinforcing the political status quo. In order to emancipate ourselves, we've got to change the status quo. That's a precondition for winning anything. Black America. So when I run for office, I don't run to win. I run to change the political process to include ordinary people. Black and white. We must become America's decision-makers.

As we build new parties, minor parties that hope to become major parties in the future, we must ensure that minority communities such as ourselves have the fullest access inside those parties and play a prominent role in their development. I believe that ultimately the old way of doing politics including the old parties won't heal America's racial and economic divides. A new, more effective way of politics by Black people as Dr. King once said will be, I believe, the key to our emancipation.

Lenora B. Fulani twice is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party.

The message is clear

By Walter Smith

No message could have been clearer than the messages sent to the African-American youth by New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani on Saturday, September 5.

The message he sent reflects the message sent to Negroes in 1857 when the Dred Scott decision declared that "Black men had no rights that white men were bound to respect."

The differences of opinion between Giuliani and Khalid Muhammad should have been acted out in some other way at some other time. Giuliani had opposed the march since it was first announced on the grounds that Khalid was anti-semitic.

On the basis of Giuliani's rationale, there are few persons of European decent or of Caucasian lineage who should be allowed to march in this city.

Perhaps Giuliani felt justified in his actions because a group of African-American youth together is one of the most feared groupings in New York City. One million of these hoodlums congregating in my city at once under the direction of Khalid Muhammad. Hell no! no way.

Case in point: Giuliani has his police Chief Howard Stern reviewing the video tapes of the march and especially those of the various speakers and that of Khalid Muhammad in particular to establish grounds for charges of "Inciting to Riot."

Giuliani has committed a serious crime against the Harlem community, and especially the African-American youth. Giuliani has broken the law and must pay for his transgressions. He has violated the rights of the African-American youth. Giuliani has broken the law and must pay for his transgressions. He has violated the rights of the African-American youth. Giuliani has broken the law and must pay for his transgressions. He has violated the rights of the African-American youth.

Walter Smith is president of the North-East Publishers Associations.

Child care now!

By Marian Wright Edelman

You wouldn't leave your house without ensuring that your child care needs are satisfied, would you? Well we need to make sure that Congress doesn't leave the House of Representatives and the Senate without making sure America's child care needs are satisfied.

Each election year, Congress will be coming back to Washington after the summer recess. They'll be four on the floor, adjourning early and getting back to their states as quickly as possible.

Child care and early education have become a fact of life for many black families. In 1997, 72 percent of black women with children under six, and 77 percent of black women with children between the ages of six and 17 years old, were in the labor force.

Many hard-working black families earn too little to be able to afford the high cost of child care. About half of black families with children earn less than \$23,000 a year, and half of black families with children under six earn less than \$20,500 a year. The cost of providing care for children can easily exceed a family's rent, mortgage, car payment or groceries.

Because for many families there seems to be no other choice, it has been estimated that nearly five million children nationwide are left unsupervised by an adult after school each week. Research suggests that children who are left home alone are more likely to use alcohol, marijuana and cigarettes, and it is a fact that juvenile crime peaks between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. when many children are unsupervised after school.

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Local Briefs

Sheriff's office plans violence prevention program

ELIZABETH — The Union County Sheriff's Office is once again announcing that they will be offering a School-based Youth Program. The program is designed to address the issues of teen violence and offer preventive solutions of behavior which can deter youth crime.

The students will be encouraged to participate in short skits and will also view a videotape which will address various topics of teen violence. Each entire presentation is approximately 40 to 50 minutes. Video equipment will be required.

The program will be offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday beginning October 5. For time and scheduling information, call (908) 527-4957 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Elizabeth appoints new health director

ELIZABETH — Charlene W. Mason-Reese, an administrator with more than 28 years of public health service experience, was recently appointed as the Acting Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Elizabeth.

"Charlene is a results-oriented administrator who has the experience and the ability to get the job done," Mayor Chris Bollagave said. "She has enjoyed an outstanding career in the public health field, has paid her dues and progressively worked her way up the ladder."

Previously, Reese served for 15 years as the City of Newark's Director of Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control. She will be responsible for the supervision of the Office on Aging division which provides services to seniors throughout the City, Public Health Nurses, Central Licensing Bureau, Vital Statistics, and Health Inspections and immunization programs.

Agency receives state grant to treat gambling abuse

BOUND BROOK — Family and Community Services of Somerset County has received a grant for 1998 and 1999 to treat Compulsive Gamblers and their families. According to Al Geogegan, Director of the Addiction Program, "Gambling abuse is continuing to be a major problem in Somerset and surrounding counties, affecting teenagers, adults, and senior citizens. Like other abusive behaviors, it also affects the families of the gamblers." Geogegan went on to say that Family and Community Services has been treating the gambler and their families for the past six years with very limited funding. "Now, with the help of this grant and some fund raising, we will be able to reach out even further into our community and no one will have to be turned away because of their inability to pay a fee."

Family and Community Services of Somerset County has locations throughout Somerset County. For more information, call (732) 356-1082.

CN8 to be seen in 600,000 NJ homes

UNION — Comcast Corporation and Cablevision Systems Corporation have reached an agreement to provide CN8 to 600,000 New Jersey households served by Cablevision beginning November 1. Created in September of 1996, CN8 is Comcast's award winning regional network providing original programming 24 hours a day.

With this agreement, CN8 will be seen in more than 1.5 million of the approximately 2.3 million cable television households in New Jersey, and in 16 of the state's 21 counties served by Comcast, Garden State Cable and Cablevision including: Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Passaic, Union, and Warren.

First wave of auto reform measures to take effect

New rating system will be implemented within 60 days of approval

TRENTON — What can consumers expect next in the continuing auto insurance reform saga? Now that the new tier-rating system approved in 1997 is coming into effect alongside of other changes made by the 1998 auto reform law, the insurance buying public needs to know what changes are hitting and when.

"It's more important than ever for consumers to understand these sometimes confusing changes in the auto insurance marketplace," said Professional Insurance Agents of New Jersey Technical Committee Chairman David J. Madara, CPCU, AAI, of Mt. Madara. "New Jersey drivers need to know how these changes affect their existing policies and how they can expect to save money. Drivers

are advised to seek out their independent agent to learn about these changes."

With this in mind, PIANJ has prepared a four-page, consumer-friendly explanation for insurance agents and companies to share with their insureds. The summary digests the 1997 and 1998 auto reform laws and their implementation; how tier-rating may or may not affect consumers' next insurance bill, the limitations of the new "basic policy" and many other questions insureds are sure to ask.

"For the insured who's looking for his 15 percent rate reduction, this newsletter is the perfect explanation of whether or not he'll see any reduction," Madara said. Most recently, the Department of Banking and Insurance

approved 54 companies' tier-rating plans effective July 31, 1998. This aspect of reform was part of the 1997 auto reform law, which eliminated surcharges for private passenger auto policies back in March 1998. This does not apply to Personal Automobile Insurance Plan, or risk pool, business.

These new tier rates, which will be implemented within 60 days of approval for new policies and 90 days for renewals, will create levels that group drivers by their driving history and other risk characteristics. Drivers who renew after Nov. 1, 1998, will see that surcharges have been removed and they are rated according to their companies' tiers.

In the new rating system, the number of tiers offered varies by company, but the

tiers generally fall into three categories: preferred driver with the least expensive rates, standard driver with mid-priced rates and substandard driver with the highest rates.

Preferred-tier drivers typically have clean driving records, are experienced drivers, have been customers of the current company for at least three years and have a history of paying premiums promptly.

Standard-tier drivers typically are experienced drivers who may have up to six motor vehicle points but no at-fault accidents.

Substandard-tier drivers typically have allowed their coverage to lapse for nonpayment, have had at-fault accidents, are inexperienced drivers, have more than six motor

vehicle points or have had numerous claims.

At last count, the DOBI said seven companies have been approved for only one tier. These companies will use the same "tier" for all drivers, using the same rating factors. As of July 31, 1998, those companies with approved rating plans insure 91 percent of the insured vehicles in New Jersey.


The Department of Banking and Insurance has asked 21 companies to provide additional information for further analysis before the DOBI can approve their rates.

The next major step in reforming auto insurance rates in New Jersey takes place sometime in mid-1999, when a mandated 15 percent rate reduction will go into effect.

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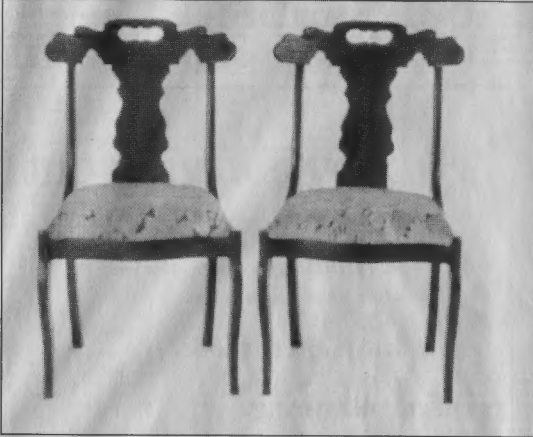
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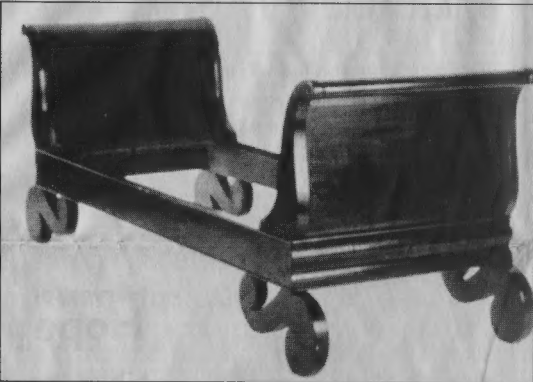
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LifeStyles

Recovering African-American furniture and its history



These two mahogany sidechairs were made by Thomas Day around 1840.



This piece, called a "Nailfree four-poster bed" was crafted in Cincinnati around 1830 by Henry Boyd.

By Barbara Mayer
For AP Special Features

Derrick Beard is determined to publicize an almost invisible part of American decorative arts history: the 19th century furniture manufactured by African-Americans such as Thomas Day, Pierre Charles Duteil Barjon and Henry Boyd. They prospered in the United States before the Civil War and advertised their furniture in newspapers of the period.

Beard, 39, is a former builder whose discovery of African-American arts has taken him in new career directions, including the creation of furniture reproductions. The genesis of his collecting in 1986 was to decorate his own home. His enthusiasm for

paintings and other works by Haitian and African-American artists overflowed to such an extent that he opened a gallery in Chicago. "Pickers (people who travel around finding art and antiques and then offering them to dealers) started offering me objects. The first was a 19th century, three-stringed banjo from Savannah, Ga.," Beard recalled.

In 1990, he bought three chairs by Thomas Day, a North Carolinian active between 1820 and 1861. Day is the best known early African-American furniture maker, and at one time was the largest furniture maker in the state. Some of his furniture is on view at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. The Civil War put an end

to his factory in Milton, N.C., just south of the Virginia border.

"While chasing a painting, I found a four-poster bed by Henry Boyd, a black furniture maker from Cincinnati, who had been a slave in Kentucky," Beard said. In the 1830s, Boyd invented and patented a bed that was doweled rather than nailed together.

Beard also acquired pieces by Barjon and William Kunze. Barjon had a substantial manufacturing and importing business in New Orleans during the 19th century. Kunze, a former slave who took his owner's name, made chairs by hand in St. Charles, Mo.

His collection inspired Beard with an idea for an exhibition, and in 1993, "African American

Furnishings and Furniture Makers" opened at the Du Sable Museum in Chicago. It may have been the first exhibit to focus on African-Americans as furniture makers.

This spring, the exhibit traveled to New Orleans, Baltimore, Detroit, Miami, Ga., and Hampton, Va. In each new city, it changed somewhat to reflect what was known about African American furniture makers in that locality.

The traveling exhibit also has been a catalyst for new discoveries. "When we did the show in Baltimore, we discovered a collection of samplers made by African-American school girls who were pupils at the school of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first

black Catholic order in the United States," Beard recalled. "We also found records at the Maryland Historical Society of a black painter, Joshua Johnson."

The exhibitions flushed out misinformation, too. When a bed was exhibited and said to be made by a C. Lee, reputedly an African-American furniture maker of New Orleans, it was learned that Lee actually was a white man from Massachusetts.

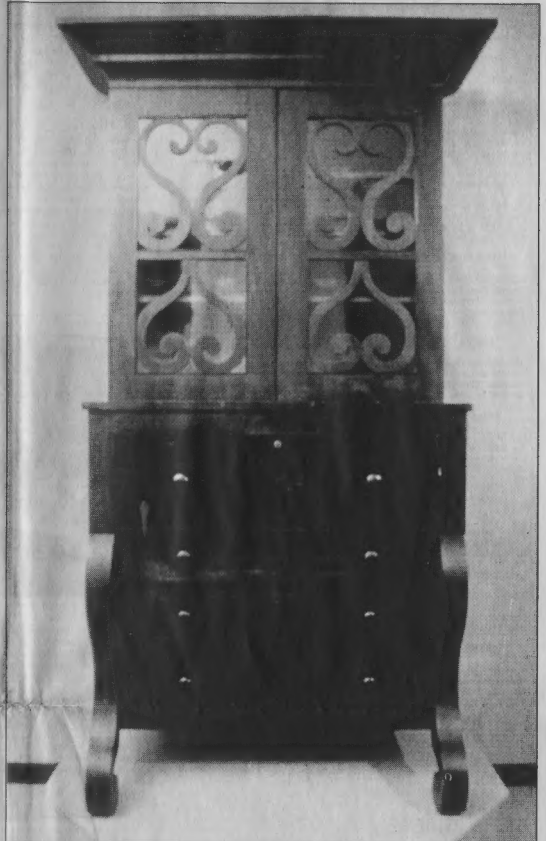
"Doing the research for the exhibit and for my collections is the most exciting thing that ever happened in my life," said Beard.

He believes the names of other successful early African-American craftsmen and artists could be recovered through research in

sources such as old business directories, apprentice lists and residence registers.

Besides assembling noteworthy objects, Beard has another goal for his collection and research efforts: to show that African-Americans have had the same ambitions and abilities as other Americans and that they were often just as industrious.

Take Henry Boyd. "He was burnt out three times," Beard said. Twice he set up in business again. After the third incident, the insurance company refused to pay his claim, and he finally was forced to close his shop down. "If we can change the 19th century stereotypes of blacks as being lazy and incompetent, we can eliminate racism at its core," Beard said.



A mahogany secretary designed and made by Thomas Day, c. 1840.

Slave trade database can be used in high schools

By Sonja Barisic
Associated Press Writer

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Three centuries of records on the trans-Atlantic slave trade — enough to fill up a dozen huge books if ever collected in one place — now can be accessed by the click of a mouse.

Scholars said having the records of 27,000 slave-trade voyages available on a single CD-ROM instead of scattered all over the world makes it easier to gain new insights into slave trade and refine the current body of knowledge.

"We now have one place for scholars to go and see patterns and trends for the first time," said Philip D. Morgan, history professor at the College of William and Mary and chairman of a conference on slave trade where the CD-ROM made its

debut.

For example, the database also shows that Africans helped shape the slave trade through rebellion as well as participation, said David Ellis, a researcher who helped compile the CD-ROM.

The African regions with the largest number of revolts by slaves also were the regions with the smallest amount of slave trading, according to the records, Ellis said. That suggests that European slave traders were forced to go to other, more cooperative regions to avoid danger, he said.

Such patterns of resistance could not have been detected before all the data was gathered in one place, said Ellis, a history professor at Queens University in Kingston, Canada.

The CD-ROM also highlights

other not easily seen trends, he said.

People, for instance, assume that most slaves were men, but the records show that at the beginning of 17th century, about equal numbers of male and female slaves were traded.

The CD-ROM is the culmination of 30 years of work by researchers who independently gathered shipping statements, insurance records, newspaper accounts and other data.

Ellis and three other researchers spent five years sifting through all that data and adding new information.

The result is believed to be the most extensive record of the slave trade to date. The CD-ROM contains data on more than double the number of voyages about which information previously was avail-



Enslaved African aboard the deck of a slave ship off the coast of Florida in 1860.

able. Still, that's only about two-thirds of all the trans-Atlantic slave voyages attempted between the 16th and 19th centuries, Ellis said.

The CD-ROM is expected to be released by Cambridge University Press in November and will sell for \$195. But it's already being put on use.

Scholars presenting papers at the William and Mary conference were given data from the CD-ROM

to help them with their research on topics such as the volume of the slave trade, age and gender and mortality rates. More than 700 people registered to attend the conference.

While the CD-ROM probably will be of most use to scholars, Kenneth Schwartz, a Brooklyn, N.Y., social studies teacher who is attending the conference, said the CD-ROM will have a place in high school classrooms as well.

"In the past, I taught generally about the slave trade," Schwartz said. "We now have 27,000 voyages on computer, so we can be more specific in our teaching and make it come alive to students."

Genealogists hoping to trace their family roots to Africa won't have much luck with the CD-ROM; it does not list the names of individual slaves because of a lack of records.

Religion Calendar

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

NEW YORK — Poet and translator Charles Martin will be reading the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins at the American Bible Society. For more information call (212) 408-1236.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NEWARK — First Mt. Zion Baptist Church will observe their Annual Men and Women's Day at 11 a.m. (973) 242-4173.

WAYNE — Catholic Campus Ministry will host Thanksgiving awareness program beginning at 7:30 p.m. (973) 595-6184.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

IRVINGTON — Assemblyman Craig Stanley will address the congregation of Solid Rock Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m. (973) 399-1000.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

PLAINFIELD — Faith Tabernacle Church presents their 1st annual men's conference beginning 7:30 a.m. This conference will be held through October 4. (908) 757-6356.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

NEW YORK — Poet Michael Young will read the works of John Milton at the American Bible Society. Call (212) 408-1236 for time.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

PLAINFIELD — Revivalist Dr. Christine Ladd will talk with the congregation of Rose of Sharon Christ Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 561-4211.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

GARWOOD — Rose of Sharon Church will host a pre-anniversary luncheon at the Westview beginning at 12 noon. (732) 752-2390.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

PLAINFIELD — Evangelist Valeria Miller will provide worship service for Women's Day beginning at 7:30 a.m. (908) 561-4211.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

NEWARK — Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry will celebrate its annual dinner at the Robert Treat Hotel beginning at 5:30 p.m. (973) 451-6650.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

ATLANTA — Join us for the 3rd annual Gospel Heritage Gala Concert & Awards. For detailed information, call 615-376-5656.

Let's initiate an African Renaissance

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"Most people have heard about the European renaissance. It was a period when the scholars of Europe went about digging up as much of the ancient materials from Greece and Rome as they could find. They critically examined them, analyzed them, criticized on them, and refuted and disseminated them. The result was that within a few generations, a barbarous and ignorant Europe had recovered the culture of the Greeks and Romans and made it their own. And once this happened it became easy for them to move forward. If they had not assembled that heritage and internalized it they might still be floundering today trying to figure out the Archimedes principle or those principles of drama which Aristotle had written down."

The author of "Decolonizing The African Mind," Chinweizu reminds us of the power of resistance. The New Webster's Comprehensive Dictionary of the English Language defines the word renaissance as "the revival of anything that has long been in decay or extinct. The transitional movement in Europe from the Middle Ages to the modern world, the European revival of letters and art in the 14th to 17th centuries."

Chinweizu points out quite correctly that it was the sons of the barbarians, Franks, Huns, Goths, Jutes, Vandals, Norsemen, Angles and Saxons et al who studied the history of the Greeks and Romans and claimed their accomplishments and achievements as their own. The truth is, the barbarians, and they called themselves barbarians, have no more direct connection to Greece or Rome than I have to the "man in the moon."

Unlike the barbarians, we don't have to plagiarize or pilfer anyone else's culture or history to give us a sense of accomplishment. All we have to do is study and reclaim our African cultural heritage.

President of National Baptist Convention admits affair

By Kia Shanté Breaux
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — One of the nation's largest black organizations has forgiven its president after he confessed to an inappropriate relationship with an employee.

The group may do the same for President Clinton.

Members of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A.'s board of directors said Monday they forgave President Dr. Henry J. Lyons, a St. Petersburg, Fla. minister, after he admitted having a "sexual relationship" with a church employee.

The Rev. E.V. Hill, a convention board member, said Lyons and Brenda Harris, employed as the convention's director of meetings, admitted before the board to an "improper relationship," apologized and asked for forgiveness.

Harris, who was labeled Lyons' "paramour" by state investigators, also apologized to Lyons' wife, Deborah, who alleged national attention when she was accused of setting fire to a \$700,000 Tampa Bay-area house.

that Lyons co-owned with another convention employee.

"The board's decision at this time is to forgive Dr. Lyons and Ms. Harris," Hill said recently.

But other ministers were not so quick to follow suit.

"At this point, if Dr. Lyons had any love left for himself and the National Baptist Convention, he would step down," said Rev. Charles Kenyatta of New York. "To drag millions of people through all this mud is a shame."

During a news conference to start off the convention's annual meeting Monday, Lyons conceded that he had not given "all the sterling leadership" he could have, but he said the convention continued to progress and he planned to stick with it by running for another term as president.

Despite the detractors, Lyons has support for a re-election bid next year. During his four years at the helm, he has helped cut the Nashville, Tenn., Baptist World Center's \$56 million deficit, helped increase funding to black colleges and universities.

Lyons also has the board's support for re-election because the board believes someone is innocent until proven guilty and Lyons has not been convicted of a crime, Hill said.

Among the convention's 33,000 churches and eight million members, Lyons will have a hard time escaping the accusations. He is facing a multi-count federal indictment charging him with misusing millions of dol-

lars in convention funds, and he has been battered with calls to resign since the accusations arose last year.

Lyons, Harris and Bernice Edwards, former convention public relations director, were indicted in July with money laundering, wire and bank fraud and with extorting money from corporations that thought they were doing business with the convention. Lyons and

Edwards also are charged with tax evasion.

Flanked by dozens of supporters, the 56-year-old minister declined to comment on the accusations, citing a gag order.

He has one year remaining in his five-year term as president.

If Lyons is convicted, the board will decide at that time how to proceed, Hill said.

A baby is crying out

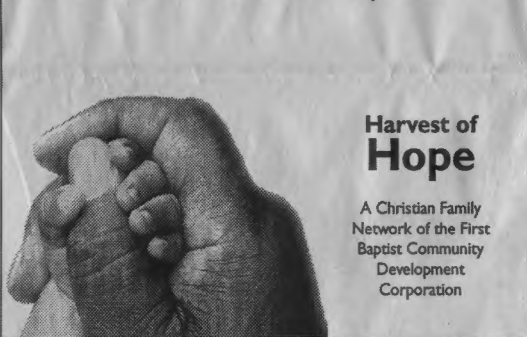
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JERSEY CITY—Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Center at the Meadowlands Hospital will have open enrollment for courses as EMT beginning at 7:30 p.m. (201) 324-5000

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital will offer free prostate screenings for men over age 50. (201) 833-3186 for time.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

PLAINFIELD—The Senior Center will hold meeting on alcohol and seniors with Municipal Alliance Group on Drug and Alcohol beginning at 10:30 a.m. (908) 753-2606

IRVINGTON—Irvington General Hospital will host a Fall Golf Open House beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 399-6196

NEW YORK—The Lindsmith Center will host a seminar on drugs and the court system at beginning at 4 p.m. (212) 548-0695

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

PRINCETON—The New Jersey Chapter of the American Association of Bull Terriers will hold its 35th professional conference at the Princeton University Hotel. Association beginning at 8 a.m. (609) 683-5332

NEW YORK—The Lindsmith Center will host a seminar on drug dependence beginning at 9 a.m. (212) 548-0695

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ORANGE—The Orange Health Department and Nursing Division will host a community and information fair at the Central Junior High School beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 266-4077

PISCATAWAY—The Raritan Valley Chapter of the Links Inc. sponsors the 20th Mile Health Walk to benefit the St. John's Cancer Foundation at Rutgers University. Registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. (908) 756-5250

Blacks get new hope for kidney transplant

NEWARK — Over the summer, 33-year-old Craig Herbert of Elizabeth received a gift from his sister Regina Herbert that literally changed his life.

Regina donated one of her kidneys to Craig through the Living Donor Program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, one of two Renal Transplant Centers in the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. Craig calls Regina's decision to be his donor "the greatest gift."

"She is helping me to live on," he says.

Not long ago, Craig's future was not as bright. The diabetes he has lived with since the age of nine had caused renal failure. Forced to give up his work in heating and air conditioner repair, Craig went on dialysis and was placed on a kidney transplant waiting list. But everything changed when he saw a local television program that featured Scott Ames, M.D., a renal transplant surgeon at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. "Dr. Ames was talking about a married couple who were his patients. One spouse had donated a kidney to the other," he says. When he heard Dr. Ames describe the success rate of living donors, he was inspired. He went home to discuss the idea with his family. His father and two of his sons, who were patients, had agreed to have their blood tested for compatibility, and Regina turned out to be the ideal donor.

The Renal Transplant Team at Newark Beth Israel immediately began preparing the Herberts for their surgery in June. "Everybody on the team was understanding and kind," says Craig. "My transplant nurse coordinator, Yvonne Willis, took charge right away. She made sure we had all the necessary tests done and literally walked us through the process."



Craig and Regina Herbert of Elizabeth are siblings who share an uncommon bond. Regina recently donated a kidney to Craig through the Living Donor Program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Craig and Regina underwent a series of tests to ensure their compatibility. "Craig would call me and say, 'Are you ready?' And I was — the transplant team at Newark Beth Israel made us feel at ease and very comfortable," says Regina.

After their surgery Regina and Craig were both home within a week. According to Dr. Ames, who performed the transplant, the prognosis is good for both of them. "We expect Craig to live a longer, better life with his new kidney," he says. "He will need to take anti-rejection medications for the rest of his life, but the doses will decrease over time. He won't have to watch everything he eats as much, but he will still need to be careful."

In the African-American community, where the incidence of kidney failure is high, the need for

donors is great. Unfortunately African-Americans are not transplanted as often as whites, because most donors are white and their tissue is less compatible. "African-Americans have a 17 times greater chance of developing kidney failure from high blood pressure than whites," says Dr. Ames. Craig Herbert says he now encourages others to become living donors. He plans to resume his favorite activities, which include teaching piano and roller skating with Regina. "From the day I received my new kidney I felt myself healing inside. Now, thanks to Regina, I can get healthier and continue living my life."

For more information on the Renal Transplant Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, call (973) 926-7555.

Minority Health Month

Sharing Network stresses importance of organ and tissue donation

SPRINGFIELD — According to the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network in Springfield, New Jersey, minorities are predisposed to certain illnesses that may lead to a need for organ transplantation. Yet, minority groups have historically been less likely to donate their organs. Inadvertently, this can cause a longer wait for minorities awaiting transplants because some blood and tissue matches are closer within races.

Statistically, African-Americans have high blood pressure and kidney failure four times greater than whites. They make up 30 percent of the dialysis patients in the country and 33 percent of the national waiting list. With this in mind, the Sharing Network is continuing their aggressive campaign to get the word out to minorities about the importance of organ donation and transplantation. Minority Health Month, which takes place during September is an opportunity to reinforce these messages. The Sharing Network is a non-profit, federally certified and state approved procurement organization, responsible for recovering organs and tissue for New Jersey residents and is part of the national recovery system.

Joseph S. Roth, executive director of The Sharing Network, said that people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are affected by the need for organ transplants —

and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists. He said there are currently more than 62,000 people nationwide waiting for life-saving transplants, including 1,500 New Jersey residents.

There are many myths or misconceptions about the donation process. Many minority groups feel that they are inadequately represented on the receiving end. This is not true in New Jersey, where in 1997 30.6 percent of the kidney transplants performed benefited African-Americans who represent approximately 13 percent of New Jersey's overall population. Only 14.4 percent of New Jersey organ donors in 1997 were African-American. Similar statistics apply to other organs as well.

The Network says that it is a myth that organ transplants can be "bought" by the wealthy and powerful. The fact is that organs are computer matched according to compatibility of donor and recipient tissue, determined by various tests, waiting time, and the medical need of the recipient. Social or financial data are not part of the computer database and therefore, are not factors in the determination of who receives an organ.

For more information, or to register to become an organ and tissue donor, call the Sharing Network at 1-800-SHARE-NJ or visit their web site at www.sharing.org.

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Awareness campaign targets the African American diabetes epidemic

WASHINGTON — U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher recently launched a new awareness campaign encouraging the 2.2 million African Americans with diabetes to control their blood sugar levels. The *Control Your Diabetes For Life* campaign, developed by the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP), encourages family members and friends to support those who have the disease. Dr. Gary Dennis, president of the National Medical Association, was also present to give his organization's support to the campaign.

"Diabetes is an epidemic within the African American community. The number of African Americans diagnosed with diabetes has tripled over the past 30 years," said Dr. Satcher. The National Diabetes Education Program's campaign is a key strategy of the President's Initiative on Race, which is designed to improve the health status of America's racial and ethnic populations, including African Americans. Dr. Satcher called on all African Americans with diabetes to work with their health care providers to manage their disease. "Research shows that aggressive treatment with diet, regular physical activity, and diabetes medicines can prevent or delay much of the illness and death from dia-

betes," he said. "African Americans experience higher and more devastating rates of diabetes complications including eye disease, kidney failure, amputations, and premature death than Caucasians. The death rates for people with diabetes are 27 percent higher for blacks compared with whites," said Dr. Marcus Wilson, National Medical Director of the Mutual of Omaha Company. "It is crucial that we treat this disease as an epidemic and inform everyone about the long-term benefits of controlling diabetes."

Dr. Dennis also challenged African Americans with diabetes to control their disease. "Keep your blood sugar under control by sticking with your treatment program. Watch what you eat, make time for regular physical activity, and take diabetes medicines as prescribed. Also, keep track of your blood sugar numbers," he said. He added, "I've seen first hand how controlling blood sugar levels can make a big difference. When people with diabetes control their disease they feel better, they have more energy, and ultimately, they enjoy a better quality of life."

TV, radio and print public service announcements for the *Control Your Diabetes For Life* campaign emphasize that controlling diabetes makes a

huge difference. Culturally appropriate campaign materials were developed with guidance from the NDEP's African American Committee, representing African American national and community based organizations and media organizations who are NDEP partners.

Mary Clark, M.Ed., who chairs the NDEP's African American Committee, said NDEP partners will lead the effort to promote the diabetes message through their organizations within the African-American community and the media. "Our goal is to raise awareness about the seriousness of the disease. We are committed to improving the treatment and quality of life for all African Americans with diabetes," she said. Sharron Word Dennis, M.Ed., President, Auxiliary to the National Medical Association, added, "We need to focus on healthy eating and increasing physical activity for African Americans of all ages, especially our young people, because diabetes is affecting our population at an earlier age."

More diabetes information is available for people with diabetes and healthcare providers by calling 1-800-438-5383 or visiting the NDEP web sites at <http://ndep.nih.gov> or <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes>.

Diabetes and African Americans: Serious but controllable

What is diabetes?

Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches, and other food into energy.

How many African Americans have diabetes?

Over 22 million African Americans have diabetes. 15 million have been diagnosed and 750,000 have not yet been diagnosed.

There are four times as many African Americans diagnosed with diabetes today as there were in 1968.

For every six white Americans who have diabetes, 30 African Americans have the disease.

Among African Americans 20 years and older, the prevalence of diabetes is 8.2 percent compared with 4.8 percent among non-Hispanic whites.

How do diabetes-related complications affect African Americans?

African Americans with diabetes are more likely to develop diabetes complications and experience greater disability from the complications than whites.

The frequency of diabetic retinopathy is 40 to 50 percent higher in African Americans than in white Americans.

African Americans with diabetes experience kidney failure (also called end-stage renal disease) about 4 times more often than diabetic white Americans. In 1995, there were 27,258 new cases of kidney failure attributed to diabetes in black Americans. African Americans are much more likely to undergo a lower-extremity amputation than white or Hispanic Americans with diabetes. In 1994, there were 13,000 amputations among black people with diabetes, involving 155,000 days in the hospital.

What can African Americans with diabetes do to prevent these complications?

The chances of having diabetes complications can be reduced or delayed by as much as 50 to 80 percent by keeping blood sugar levels under control.

People with diabetes should try to keep their blood sugar level at less than seven percent as measured by the hemoglobin A1c test. This simple lab test gives the best picture of blood sugar control over a three month period and should be done at least twice a year for all people with diabetes.

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UPPER MONTCLAIR—Montclair State University will present Remembrance Booth, a play at the Studio Theater beginning at 2 p.m. (973) 655-4333.

TEAEACK—The Holy Name Hospital presents Johnny Maestro and Brooklyn Bridge at the Wilson Auditorium on Fairleigh Dickinson University's Hackensack campus beginning at 7:30 p.m. (201) 833-3186.

WAYNE—William Paterson University will host a midday jazz concert with Ed Neumeister and Marc Copland at the school's Shea Center beginning at 12:30 p.m. (973) 220-2971.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

WATCHUNG—The Watching Arts Center and C-Jay Productions will host an evening of jazz with Carrie Jackson at the Arts Center beginning at 8 p.m. (908) 753-0119.

MORRISTOWN—The Fourth Wall Musical Theater will present the play COMPANY at The Theater at Wilkie Hall beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 263-8000.

WOODBURGE—The Woodbridge Township of Cultural Arts will present a jazz concert featuring the Paul Salomone Jazz Group at Baron Arts Center beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 634-0413.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

NEWARK—Contemporary Portuguese Choreographer Clara Andermatt's dance musical A Story of Doubt at New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) beginning at 7:30 p.m. (973) 486-5722.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

MADISON—The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival will present KING LEAR at the FM Kirby Shakespeare Theatre. Call (973) 450-6500 for info.

A 'House Party' on the African Heritage Network

NEW YORK—The African Heritage Network "Prime-Time Presentations" hosted by film legends, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, broadcasts the premiere of the hilarious film House Party 3.

Brought to you by AT&T, House Party 3 airs nationally through September 30. It will be shown on WWOR on September 26 at 8 p.m. and September 27 at 4 p.m.

House Party 3 follows the natural and logical progression of Kid (Christopher Reid) and Play's (Christopher Martin) lives. Kid is getting married and Play must plan the bachelor party. Play has a problem and he's worried. He's smoothed his way out of a lot of tight jams and hip-hopped himself around many hazards in his young life, but this time he's facing a threat far greater than any he's ever encountered. No matter how hard Play tries to convince his friend that it's a mistake to get married, Kid is having none of it.

If Kid is going out, Play is determined to make him go out kickin', and

he plans the most outrageous, out of bounds, out of control bachelor party ever to hit the "hood."

Of course, Play is not the only one feeling the pressure of Kid's impending wedding. The groom himself has quite a bit to deal with as well. In addition to the overall nervousness surrounding the event, Kid isn't thrilled with his partner's latest business venture.

Also, Kid has some relatives in town for his wedding. His smooth Uncle Vester (Bernie Mac) has opinions about marriage that could make any man reconsider, and his mischievous cousin (Immatrice), who, when told they're too young to attend the bachelor party, decide to give a little bash of their own.

If all this weren't enough, Kid's high school sweetheart Sydney (Tisha Campbell) is back in town, and that's got his fiancée Verda (Angela Means) a little worried. She can't help but wonder if there's still something going on between her flax and his ex, and before Verda says "I do," she wants to make sure Kid and Sydney "don't."



House Party 3 stars, from left, Kid (Christopher Reid), Kid's fiancée, Verda (Angela Means), Stinky (David Edwards) and Play (Christopher Martin).

Joining Kid N Play in House Party 3 are comedians from HBO's popular "Def Comedy Jam" including Bernie Mac, Michael Colyar, Joe Torry and

Chris Tucker. Other cast members include: Tisha Campbell (Martin), Angela Means and musical guests, TLC and Immatrice.

The best of Kashif

NEW YORK—Overflowing with an embarrassment of soul riches, Kashif: The Definitive Collection, presents all of the major top 40 R&B hits that showcased his talents as a solo artist, producer, and songwriter, along with the bulk of producer Kashif's timeless duets with such names as Melba Moore, Dionne Warwick, and Meli's Morgan. This latest addition to the Arista Masters historic reissue series was released in stores September 1.

Kashif: The Definitive Collection was produced for reissue by Al Quagliari. At the peak of an era when the under-30 R&B "love man" dominated the black music charts, Kashif ruled the most alongside Freddie Jackson and older stars like Luther Vandross, Teddy Pendergrass and Lionel Richie. Kashif's new album chronicles his Arista years with 14 singles that virtually selected themselves, starting with the first 18 months of his hits from 1983-84 that defined his enormous talent: "I Just Gotta Have You (Lower Your Tone)," "Stone Love," "Help Yourself To My Love," "Baby Don't Break Your Baby's Heart," and "Are You the Woman."

On Kashif's fourth Arista album, Love Changes (1987), duets proved to be the winning ticket. It started with "Reservations For Two" with fellow Arista artist Dionne Warwick (which went to #20 R&B) followed by the title tune, "Love Changes," a duet with Meli's Morgan which went to #2.

Kashif is now a lecturer at music conferences and began to host seminars that brought managers, agents and record company executives in contact with aspiring young musicians, composers and singers.

Scoop Du Jour

Classic albums like *All By Myself* and *Stay With Me* are illustrative of Regina Belle's vocal brilliance. Hit singles like "Show Me The Way," "So Many Tears," "Make It Like It Was," "This Love" and the number one hit "A Whole New World (Aladdin Theme)" prove that the Belle not only has the power to give songs life, but because of the emotive manner in which she empowers lyrics, she unwittingly gives her songs immortality as well.

Think about it, no matter how much time goes by, and no matter how many soul songwriters serve up tasty flavors of the month, we will still hear Belle's voice singing the words to "Make It Like It Was" as we hum the melody. "The wonderful thing about being able to write songs is the fact that you don't have to necessarily be old to offer a good song," the singer begins. "I see some of these young songwriters putting out really good songs proving that you don't have to have lived an entire life before saying something about it. I've always

felt that I've had a passion for writing,



Regina Belle

that there were certain things I can touch upon and I think I'm right."

Right indeed. More life experience and a brave relocation to a town 30 min-

utes outside of Atlanta (she and her husband John Battle moved their family from Cleveland to Tyrone, Georgia) has helped Belle become a better writer and producer on her latest treasure, *Believe In Me*. The title track, sets the tone for the easy listening treat to follow when she asks her lover for such relationship staples as trust, understanding and compassion. "Never Should Have Let You Go" written by David Foster, Greg Charlie and John Winston asks the same man for a second chance at love when the aforementioned staples were placed lower on the relationship priority list than they should have been—the latter not at all autobiographical. "My marriage is totally fine, but that doesn't mean that I can't use my gift to be able to see into another person's world and write based on what I see there. If the songs sound personal on this album to you, it's because I did a lot of writing on this album. One major change since recording her last album include a beautiful new addition to her already large

family, one-year-old Myla Grace. "She so peaceful." My kids and my husband made me appreciate the simple things in life, like a quiet day at home with my family."

Her best friend and husband are one in the same. The two were college buddies while at New Jersey's Rutgers University, but after deciding that a friendship lighter than any either of them had ever known was worth developing into something more intimate, they ran towards the idea of marital bliss. "My husband is really my best friend, you know? Really. People sometimes think we're brother and sister when they see us out instead of husband and wife, because we're so close. I know all of his deep, dark secrets and I still love him and he knows mine and doesn't throw them up in my face. He makes me smile and because of him and my kids I've had no time to slack off. I have to stay on my toes and balance work and a personal life," says the New Jersey born former choir member.

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